<u>LISTING OF THE CLAIMS</u>

A detailed listing of claims is presented below. Please amend currently amended claims as indicated below including substituting clean versions for pending claims with the same number. In addition, clean text versions of pending claims not being currently amended that are under examination are also presented. It is understood that any claim presented in a clean version below has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version.

1. (Currently Amended) In an electronic device, a method of notification comprising the steps of:

a) receiving a first attention request from a first application [[and]] <u>that is</u> associated with a first record entry in said first application requiring attention from a user;

b) automatically storing said first attention request in a memory;

c) automatically sending a first request for information to said first application, said information associated with said first record entry;

d) receiving said information;

[[e]]<u>d</u>) creating a notification dialog using said information for displaying said information, wherein said first application generates and fills in said information in said notification dialog; and

[[f]]e) automatically displaying said notification dialog on top of an on-screen display that is generated by a second application that is active.

2. (Original) The method as described in Claim 1, comprising the further step of:

determining a plurality of outstanding attention requests, each associated with a corresponding record entry and a corresponding application, each of said outstanding attention requests still requiring attention from said user, said plurality of outstanding attention requests including said first attention request.

3. (Original) The method as described in Claim 2, further comprising the step of deleting from memory each of said plurality of outstanding attention requests that have been cleared and no longer need said user's attention.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as described in Claim 2, wherein said step c) comprises the steps of:

determining if any of said plurality of outstanding attention requests have been suspended;

requesting said information in a list format if there are at least two outstanding attention requests, from said plurality of attention requests, that are not currently suspended, said list format suitable for listing with

multiple outstanding attention requests on a display screen of said electronic device; and

requesting from each of said plurality of attention requests corresponding information in said list format.

5. (Original) The method as described in Claim 4, wherein said notification dialog is a list dialog containing each of said plurality of outstanding attention requests that have not been suspended in said list format.

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6. (Original) The method as described in Clam 2, wherein said step c) comprises the step of:

requesting said information in detail format if each of said outstanding attention requests except for said first attention request is suspended, said detail format suitable for singular display on said electronic handheld device.

7. (Original) The method as described in Claim 6, wherein said notification dialog is a detailed dialog and pertains to said first attention request.

8. (Original) The method as described in Clam 2, wherein said step c) comprises the step of:

requesting said information in detail format if said plurality of outstanding attention requests contains only said first attention request.

9. (Original) The method as described in Claim 8, wherein said notification dialog is a detailed dialog and pertains only to said first attention request.

10. The method as described in Claim 1, wherein said electronic device is a palm sized computer system.

11. (Currently Amended) In an electronic device, a method of notification comprising the steps of:

a) receiving a first attention request from a first application ~~and~~ that is associated with a first record entry in said first application requiring attention from a user;

b) automatically storing said first attention request in a memory;

c) determining a plurality of outstanding attention requests wherein each are associated with a corresponding record entry and a corresponding application, each of said outstanding attention requests still requiring attention from said user, said plurality of outstanding attention requests including said first attention request;

d) automatically sending a first request for information to said first application, said information being associated with said first record entry;

e) ~~receiving said information;~~

[[f]]e) creating a first notification dialog ~~using~~ for displaying said information, wherein said first application

<u>generates and fills in said information in said notification</u>

<u>dialog</u>; and

[[g]]<u>f</u>) automatically displaying said first

notification dialog on top of an on-screen display associated

with a second application that is active.

12.   (Original) The method as described in Claim 11,

comprising the further steps of:

receiving a display request to display a selected record

entry, said selected record entry associated with a selected

attention request from said plurality of outstanding

attention requests;

automatically switching from said second application to

a third application, said third application associated with

said selected record entry;

displaying said selected record entry; and

providing user interface with said selected record entry

through said second application.

13.   (Original) The method as described in Claim 12,

comprising the further steps of:

automatically launching said third application; and

automatically sending said display request to said third

application.

14.   (Original) The method as described in Claim 11,

comprising the further steps of:

receiving a request to clear a selected attention request, said selected attention request taken from said plurality of outstanding attention requests; and

clearing said selected attention request by deleting said selected attention request from said memory.

15. (Original) The method as described in Claim 14, wherein said selected attention request is said plurality of outstanding attention requests.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as described in Claim 11, comprising the further steps of:

[[h)]] receiving a request to suspend said plurality of outstanding attention requests;

[[i)]] suspending each of said plurality of outstanding attention requests for a predetermined period of time;

[[j)]] re-activating said second application; and

[[k)]] displaying said plurality of outstanding attention requests after said predetermined period of time has elapsed in a second notification dialog.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as described in Claim 11, comprising the further step of:

invoking an alarm simultaneously with step g), said alarm is taken from a group consisting essentially of:

[[a]] an audible alarm;

a visual alarm;

a vibrator;

a flashing light emitting diode (LED); and

flashing said notification dialog between video and reverse video formats.

18.   (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising a processor, a memory unit, and a display screen wherein said memory contains instructions that when executed implement a method of notification comprising the steps of:

a)   receiving a first attention request from a first application ~~and~~ that is associated with a first record entry in said first application requiring attention from a user;

b)   automatically storing said first attention request in a memory;

c)   automatically sending a first request for information to said first application, said information associated with said first record entry;

~~d)   receiving said information;~~

[[e]]d)   creating a notification dialog ~~using said information~~ for displaying said information, wherein said first application generates and fills in said information in said notification dialog; and

[[f]]e)   automatically displaying said notification dialog on top of an on-screen display that is generated by a second application that is active.

19. (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

determining a plurality of outstanding attention requests, each associated with a corresponding record entry and a corresponding application, each of said outstanding attention requests still requiring attention from said user, said plurality of outstanding attention requests including said first attention request.

20. (Original) The computer system as described in Claim 19, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

deleting from memory each of said plurality of outstanding attention requests that have been cleared and no longer need said user's attention.

21. (Currently Amended) The computer system as described in Claim 19, wherein said step c) of said method comprises the steps of:

determining if any of said plurality of outstanding attention requests have been suspended;

requesting said information in a list format if there are at least two outstanding attention requests, from said plurality of attention requests, that are not currently suspended, said list format suitable for listing with multiple outstanding attention requests on a display screen of said electronic device; and

requesting from each of said plurality of attention
requests corresponding information in said list format.

22.   (Original) The computer system as described in
Claim 21, wherein said notification dialog is a list dialog
containing each of said plurality of outstanding attention
requests that have not been suspended in said list format.

23.   (Original) The computer system as described in
Clam 19, wherein said step c) of said method comprises the
step of:

requesting said information in detail format if each of
said outstanding attention requests except for said first
attention request is suspended, said detail format suitable
for singular display on said electronic handheld device.

24.   (Original) The computer system as described in
Claim 23, wherein said notification dialog is a detailed
dialog and pertains to said first attention request.

25.   (Original) The computer system as described in
Clam 19, wherein said step c) of said method comprises the
step of:

requesting said information in detail format if said
plurality of outstanding attention requests contains only
said first attention request.

26.   (Original)   The computer system as described in Claim 19, wherein said notification dialog is a detailed dialog and pertains only to said first attention request.

27.   (Original)   The computer system as described in Claim 18, wherein said electronic device is a palm sized computer system.